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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, in which the Examiner applied a restriction requirement to Claims 1-39 and 41-43 (Group I); Claim 40 (Group II); and Claims 44-53 (Group III). Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-39 and 41-43 (Group I) without traverse.

If a telephonic interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative would be helpful in resolving any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 733-2180.

Respectfully submitted

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